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In re National Stage of International)
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Christine RONDEAU)
Serial No.: Unassigned) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
PCT Filed: July 28, 1999) Examiner: Unassigned
National Stage Entry: April 19, 2000)
For: DYEING COMPOSITION FOR)
KERATINOUS FIBRES WITH A DIRECT)
CATIONIC COLOURING AGENT)
AND A QUATERNARY AMMONIUM SALT)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents cited in the International Search Report and listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application. Copies of the International Search Report and listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following relates to the non-English language documents:


1. **EP 0 705 597** - This document is believed to be a foreign language counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 5,711,765, submitted herewith.
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5. **FR 2 189 006** - This document is believed to be a foreign language counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 3,955,918, submitted herewith.
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8. **FR 2 586 913** - This document is believed to be a foreign language counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 4,823,985, submitted herewith.
9. **WO 99/20234** - An English language abstract of this foreign language document can be found on the title page of this document.
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Respectfully submitted,

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